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IT'S A CARDIOPUL-MONARY ARREST!
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HELLO ?
IT'S BEEN AWHILE UNCLE
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SFX: DOORBELL
IT'S TAISEI
SORRY ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO TURN UP TO YOUR MOTHER'S FUNERAL
HAS IT ALREADY BEEN HALF A YEAR NOW?

HUH? SHE TOOK IN A SHITLOAD OF MEDICINE?
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT SHE'D DO HERSELF OFF KNOWING THAT HER ONLY KID WOULD BE ALONE!
WON'T YOU
UNCLE ...
AT THIS RATE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE GOING TOO
BOTH OF YOUR PARENTS HITTING THE BUCKET IN SUCH A SHORT SPAN ...
.....
BECOME MY ADOPTIVE FATHER?

HUH?
AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED THAT I'LL ENROLL IN NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY, WHERE I'LL BE LIVING ALONE FROM SPRING
I WON'T BE A BOTHER TO YOU AT ALL
I STILL HAVE THE INSURANCE MONEY FROM MY FATHER'S DEATH
...
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU SO SUDDENLY
...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO I CAN RELY ON, UNCLE
IT'S DIFFICULT
PLUS, YOU'RE GOING TO BE AN ADULT SOON—
THEN WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT WHOLE ADOPTION NONSENSE?
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO CHANGE MY FAMILY NAME AND HAVE A SECOND CHANCE AT A DECENT LIFE
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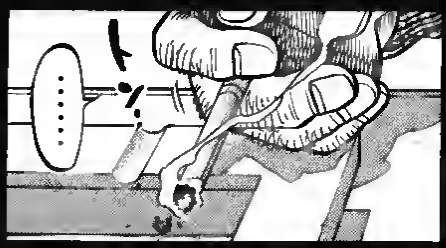
I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY PARENTS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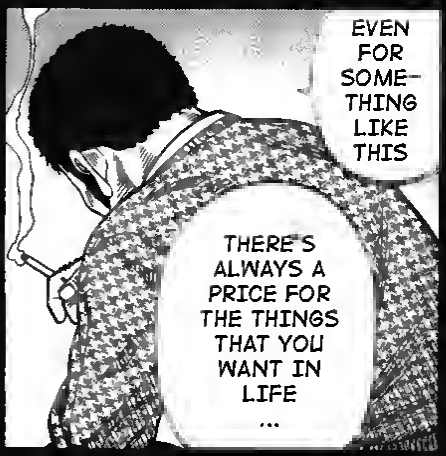
I BEG OF YOU, UNCLE. I'LL DO ANYTHING THAT'S NEEDED
I WANT TO BECOME A NEW ME


EVEN FOR SOME-THING LIKE THIS
THERE'S ALWAYS A PRICE FOR THE THINGS THAT YOU WANT IN LIFE …

… MY FATHER'S INSURANCE MONEY
I STILL HAVE A GOOD AMOUNT OF IT LEFT

NO ...
YOU HAVE TO BECOME MY ADOPTIVE FATHER!
IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT
REMOVING WHAT I NEED FOR DAILY EXPENSES, I CAN GIVE YOU ALL OF THE REST THAT I DON'T NEED. IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME
.....
JEEZ
I CAN'T GO KNOCKING YOU DOWN AFTER THAT SHOW OF DETERMINATION ...
I'VE BEEN LIVING A GOOD LIFE UNTIL NOW WITHOUT ANY KIDS!
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I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE BRAT
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE DISTANT RELATIVES, I'VE ALWAYS SEEN YOU SOMEWHAT AS A SON
ME AND YOUR OLD MAN USED TO RUN A SHOP TOGETHER. WE WERE SO-CALLED BROTHERS IN ARMS

WE'RE FATHER AND SON
BUT FROM TODAY ONWARDS
WHAT A JOYOUS OCCASION!
THANKS ... UNCLE

I'LL LEAVE THE REST IN YOUR HANDS
'FATHER'
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IT SURPRISES ME HOW NAIVE HE CAN BE
THAT ARROGANCE WILL LEAD TO HIS-
船客待合所
THAT TAISEI'S GOOD WITH HIS HEAD
HE MIGHT THINK THAT HE'S USING ME LIKE A PAWN, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE LIKE THAT
DON'T YOU DARE SPILL ANY OF IT! I'M SURE YOU NEED ALL THE PROTEIN YOU CAN GET!
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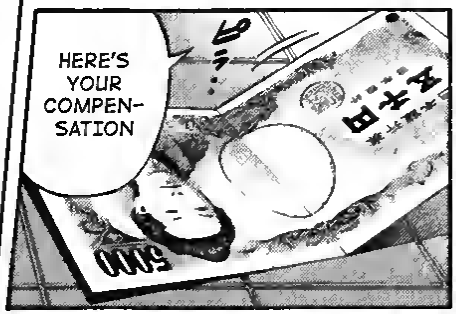
PITTING TWO TIGERS AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR FOOD


HERE'S YOUR COMPEN-SATION
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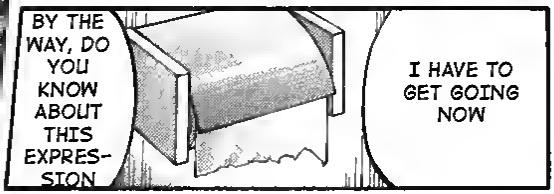
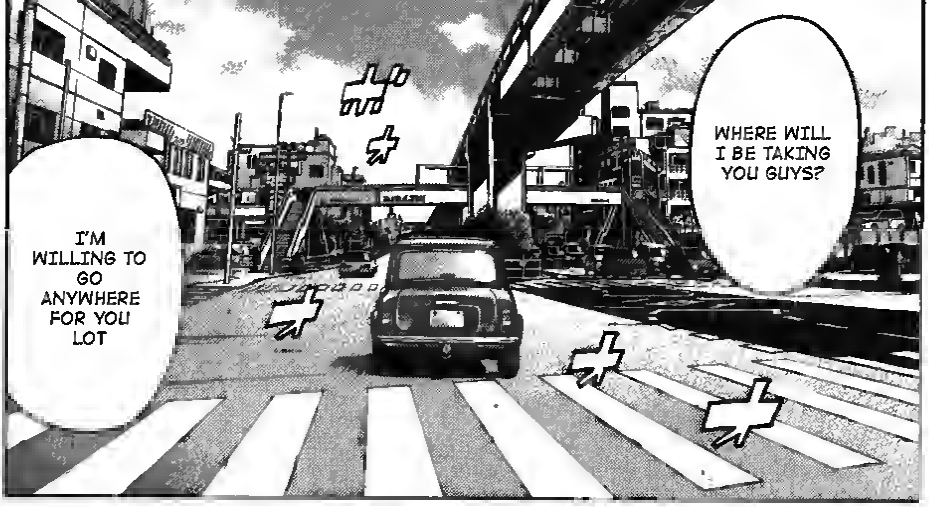
W-WAIT
YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE ME 10,000 YEN

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT ANYBODY SAYS SO EASILY
WELL, YOU'VE LEARNED BOTH AN IMPORTANT LIFE LESSON AND EARNED YOURSELF A BIT OF CASH. I'M SURE YOU CAN CALL THAT A BARGAIN!


BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS EXPRES-SION
I HAVE TO GET GOING NOW

THERE WAS THIS GUY BACK IN THE DAY NAMED SOUSO WHO ....
DAMN, YOU'RE SO DAMN CRAZY!
TAKE IT EASY, LOVE


WHERE WILL I BE TAKING YOU GUYS?
I'M WILLING TO GO ANYWHERE FOR YOU LOT

THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT
YOU CAN DROP US OFF AROUND THAT CORNER
WE'LL BE GOING TO CENTRAL OKINAWA

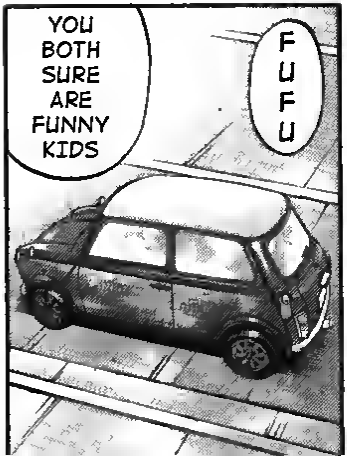
WOW, YOU'RE STILL ANGRY ABOUT THAT WHOLE THING?
AND HERE WAS ME THINKING THAT WE'D GOTTEN OVER THAT BY NOW

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MIKU?

NO ... IT WAS NOTHING LIKE THAT
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING THAT THIS PERSON DID SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO US, RIGHT?
WELL, THAT'S OBVIOUS

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A THIEF?
.....
I'M SURE YOU KNOW ABOUT TTHE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN DISTRESS AND TROUBLE, RIGHT?
PEOPLE IN YOUR WORK ARE THE WORST OF US HUMANS WHO CAN'T CONSIDER THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE WHO THEY STEAL FROM

I WANT YOU TO PLEASE STOP THIS WAY OF LIFE
THAT'S WHY FROM TODAY


YOU BOTH SURE ARE FUNNY KIDS
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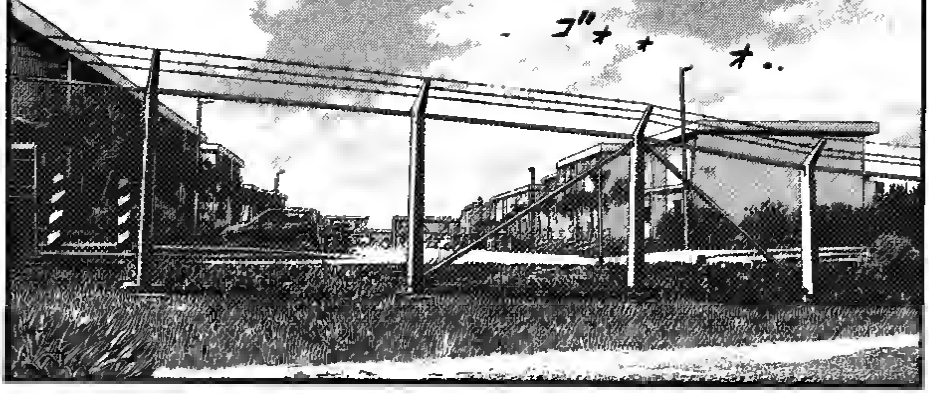
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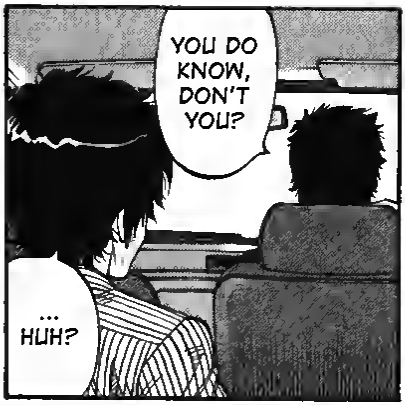
YOU DO KNOW, DON'T YOU?
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SHE'S SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO BE TREASURED

THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN MAINTAIN YOUR SANITY
IS BECAUSE OF THAT FRIEND OF YOURS

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WITH EXTENDED THANKS TO THE DEADBEAT SCANS TEAM FOR ALLOWING US TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK AND PROVIDING US WITH ASSISTANCE FOR THIS SERIES

I'D ALSO LIKE TO APOLOGISE ABOUT THE INCONSISTENT FONT SIZES USED THROUGHOUT THIS CHAPTER, AND MAYBE FUTURE ONES, TOO. I TRIED TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE, BUT I COULDN'T FIND MUCH ONLINE THAT COULD BE OF USE. IF ANYONE KNOWS, AND IS WILLING TO DO SO, THEN PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME ON OUR TWITTER

JUST-TIO

USING THIS TINY SPACE HERE TO NOTIFY YOU GUYS THAT I'M PLANNING TO MAKE THIS A WEEKLY/MONTHLY UPLOAD AT THE EARLIEST/LATEST

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US ON OUR TWITTER:PECKHAMSCAN OR ON OUR DISCORD: HTTPS://DISCORD.GG/XNUJ57N